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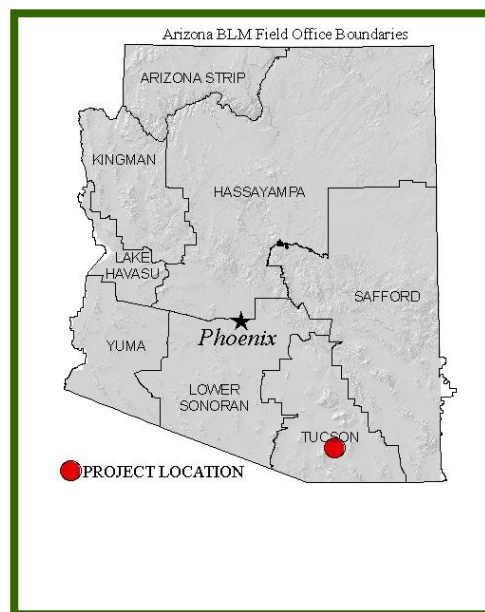


## Empire Ranch Solar Power Installation

### Need

The historic Empire Ranch Complex, located east of Sonoita, Arizona, is managed by the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Las Cienegas National Conservation Area. The Empire Ranch Solar Power Installation project will provide solar power systems for five buildings within the complex: The Vail House, Tack Room, Huachuca House, Field Station and Garage. The systems will be sized using net-zero energy principles and will connect to the existing utility grid through the electrical service meter.

The initial construction schedule estimates work beginning by March 2010 and completion of the project is expected by June 2010. Though specific areas under construction will be restricted, the complex will remain accessible throughout construction.



### Recovery Act Funding

Information about the funding allocated for this BLM-Arizona American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project will be released after the contract has been awarded.

### Benefits

This site provides building exhibits and interpretive displays depicting early ranch living in Arizona. Every effort will be made to install solar equipment in a way that does not detract from the important historic and aesthetic qualities of the site. The project will promote the use of a renewable energy source at a federal recreation site.



### More Information

For more information about this BLM ARRA project, contact the BLM-Arizona ARRA Coordinator, at 602-417-9641.